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And Conflict Resolutions Feature  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. The Preliminary Amendment responds to the Final Office Action dated April 22, 2005, in the subject patent application, for which a three month period for response ending on July 22, 2005 is set. The following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

The Applicants submit that in view of the attached Request for Continued Examination and Certificate of Mailing, this response is timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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